



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Portland District

PUBLIC NOTICE

for PERMIT APPLICATION

Issue Date: March 24, 2003

Expiration Date: April 21, 2003

Corps of Engineers Action ID: 200300015

Oregon Division of State Lands Number: 26469

30 Day Notice

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plan.

Comments: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers number shown above and should reach this office no later than the above expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CENWP-OP-GP (Ms. Karla G Ellis)
P.O. Box 2946
Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

Applicant: Mr. Darryl Fitzwater, Deschutes State Recreation Area, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 89600 Biggs Rufus Hwy, Wasco, Oregon 97065

Location: West bank of the Deschutes River, south of Biggs Rufus Highway, at Heritage Landing Boat Ramp at the mouth of the Deschutes River, River Mile 0.1, 12 Miles east of The Dalles, in Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 15 East, Wasco County, Oregon.

Project Description: The applicant proposes to remove accumulated sediment from an existing boat ramp and existing sand bar. Removal would involve the following parts:

- 1) Silt would be removed twice yearly (February 1st- March 15th, and in the month of August) from the boat ramp using a front-end loader. Excavated material would then be loaded into a truck and deposited along the bank, above ordinary high water.
- 2) A Spider hoe would be used once every two years (February 1st-March 15th) to remove an adjacent downstream accumulated sand bar, excavated material will be deposited along the bank, above ordinary high water.
- 3) Approximately 5 cubic yards of material will be removed twice yearly from the existing boat ramp. An additional 27 cubic yards of material will be removed once every two years at the sand bar location. Approximately 235 cubic yards of material would be removed over the ten-year life of the permit.

NOTES:

- a) The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has granted a variance to its preferred in-water work window for the proposed project.
- b) Work would be accomplished on the boat ramp with only the bucket in contact with the water.

Purpose: To remove accumulated sediment to make the area useable for recreational boats.

Drawings: Figure 1, Site Vicinity
Figure 2, Site Location
Figure 3, Work Area Location
Figure 4-5, Cross-sectional Views
Figure 6-7, Photographs showing work areas.
Figure 8, Overview of the area.

Additional Information: Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Karla G. Ellis, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (503) 808-4377.

Authority: This permit will be issued or denied under the following:

Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), for work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States.

Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Endangered Species: Preliminary determinations indicate that the proposed activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844) will be initiated. A permit for the proposed activity will not be issued until the consultation process is completed.

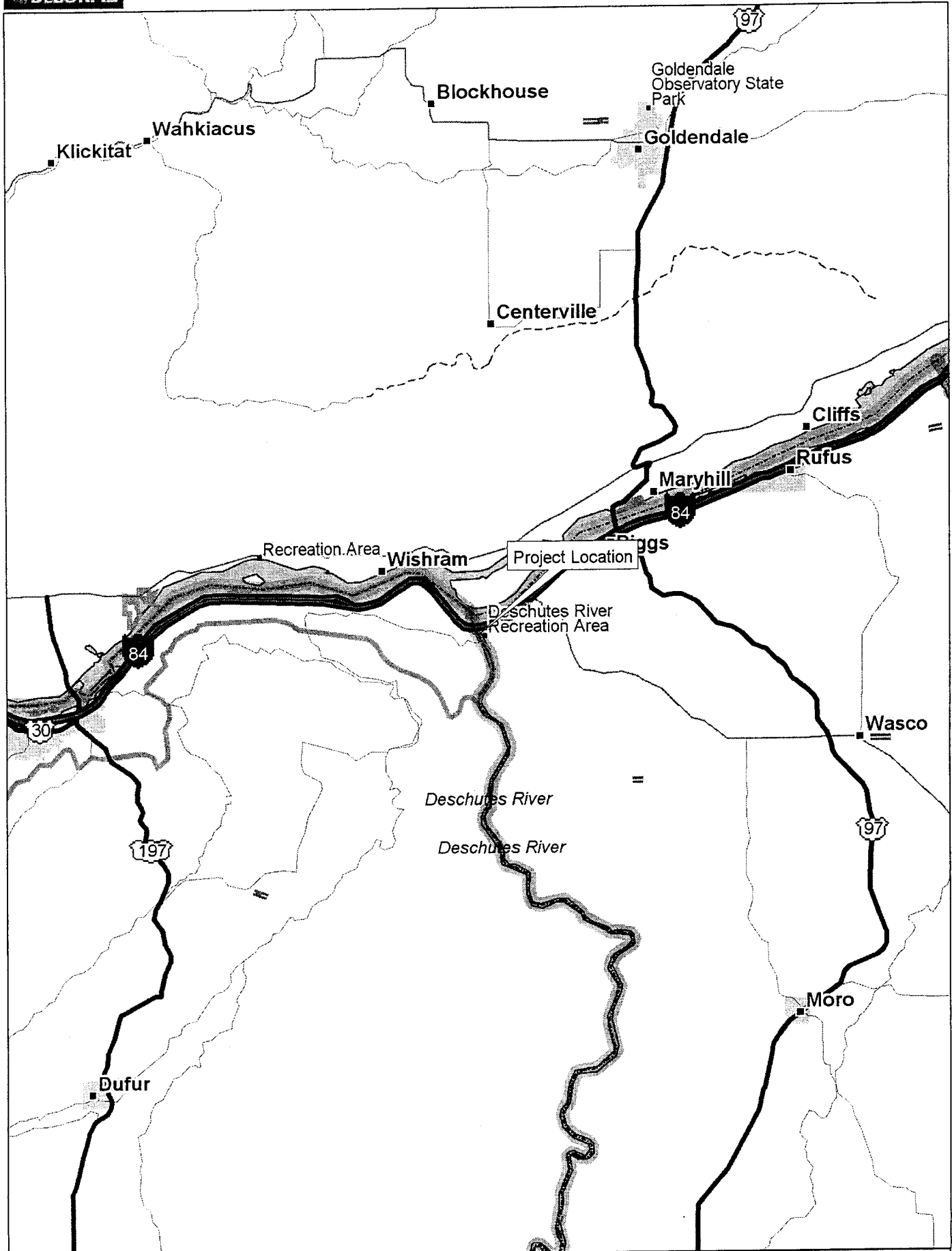
Cultural Resources: The described activity is not located on property registered or eligible for registration in the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places. This notice has been provided to the State Historic Preservation Office.

Evaluation: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water

quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Additional Requirements: State law requires that leases, easements, or permits be obtained for certain works or activity in the described waters. These State requirements must be met, where applicable, and a Department of the Army permit must be obtained before any work within the applicable Statutory Authority, previously indicated, may be accomplished. Other local governmental agencies may also have ordinances or requirements, which must be satisfied before the work is accomplished.



Columbia River
direction of flow



AREA MAP

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Project area

Deschutes River Rec

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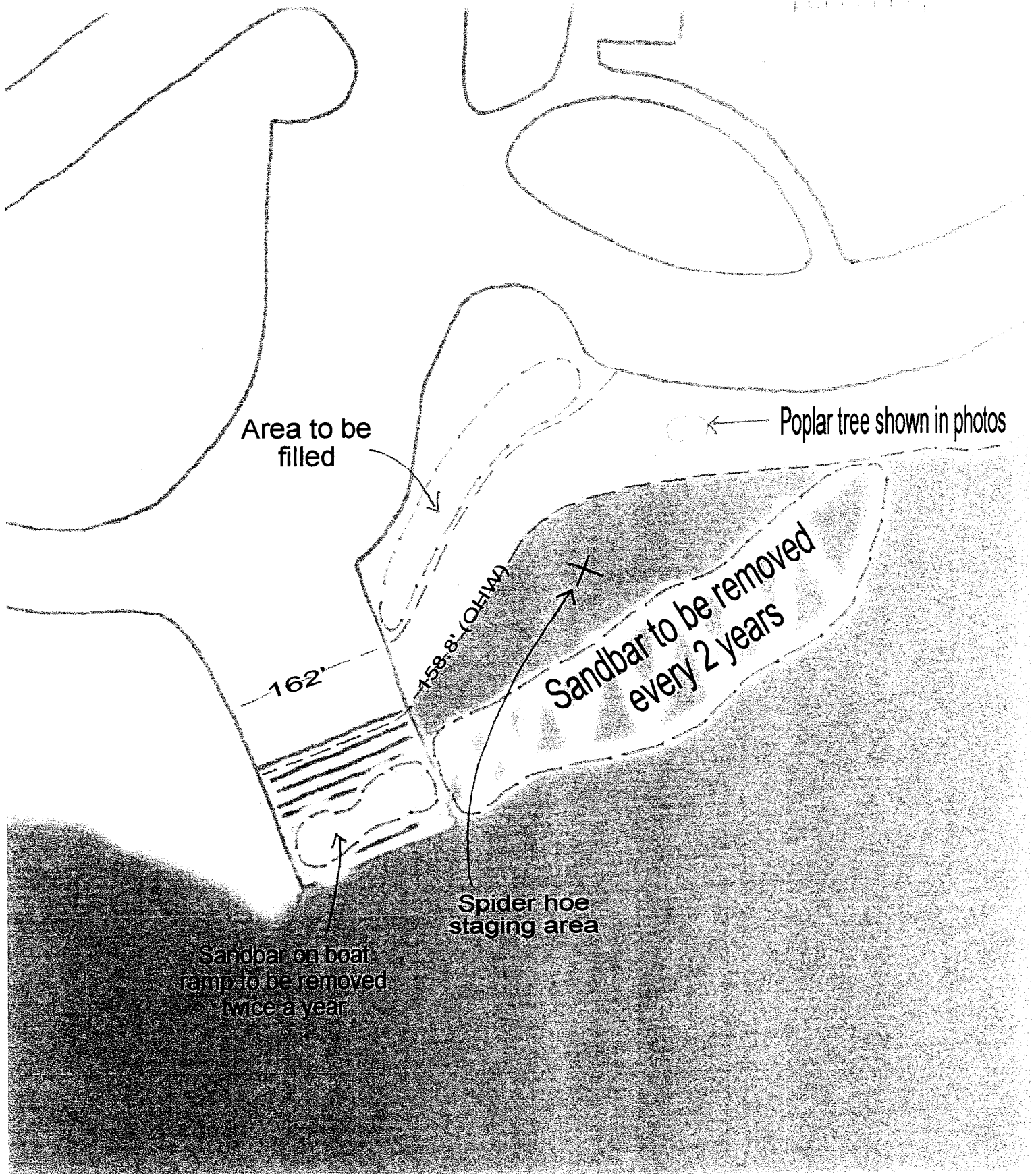
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89600 Biggs Rufus Hwy
Wasco-Or. 97065

Boat Ramp & Moorage area maintenance

CLOSE UP VIEW Heritage Landing

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Scale 1/8" = 1 ft



CROSS SECTION VIEW shoreline north of boat ramp

scale - 1/8" = 1 ft

Deschutes River

Red line indicates
area to be filled

Area to be
filled begins
at 162'

Ordinary high
water level
158.8'

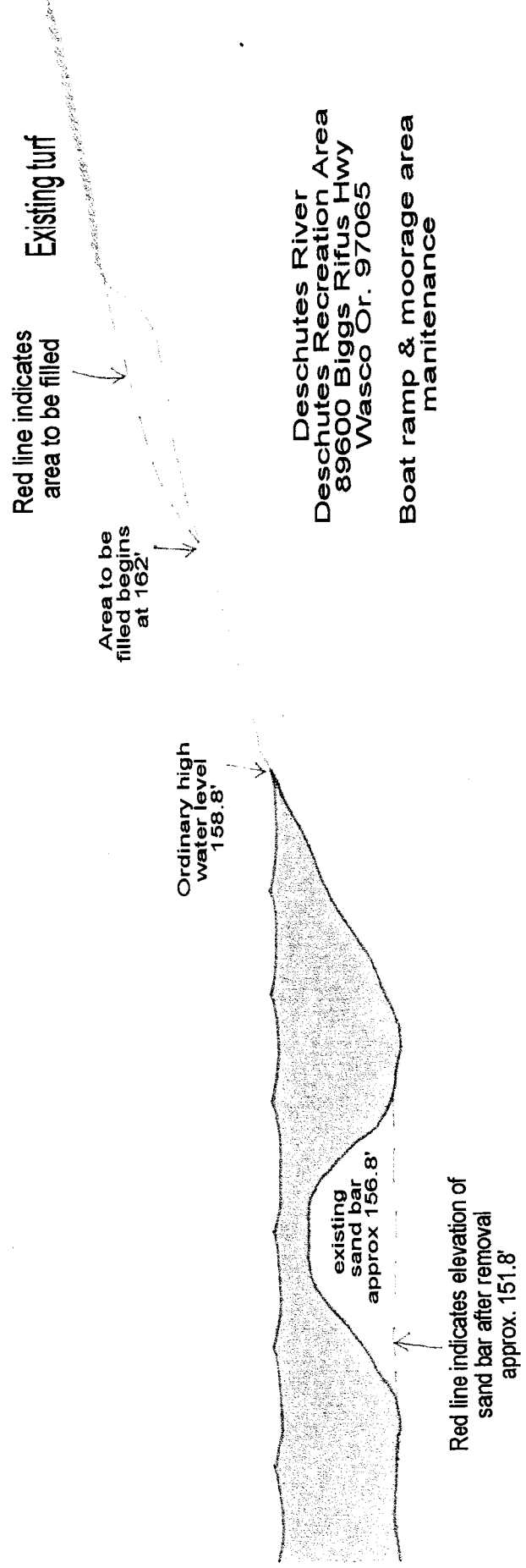
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Boat ramp & moorage area
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existing
sand bar
approx 156.8'

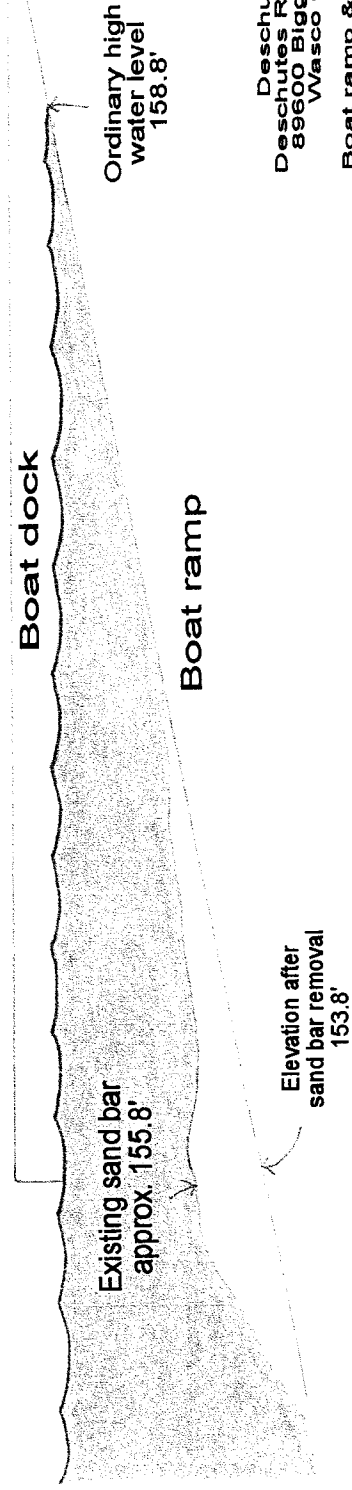
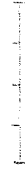
Red line indicates elevation of
sand bar after removal
approx. 151.8'

Existing turf



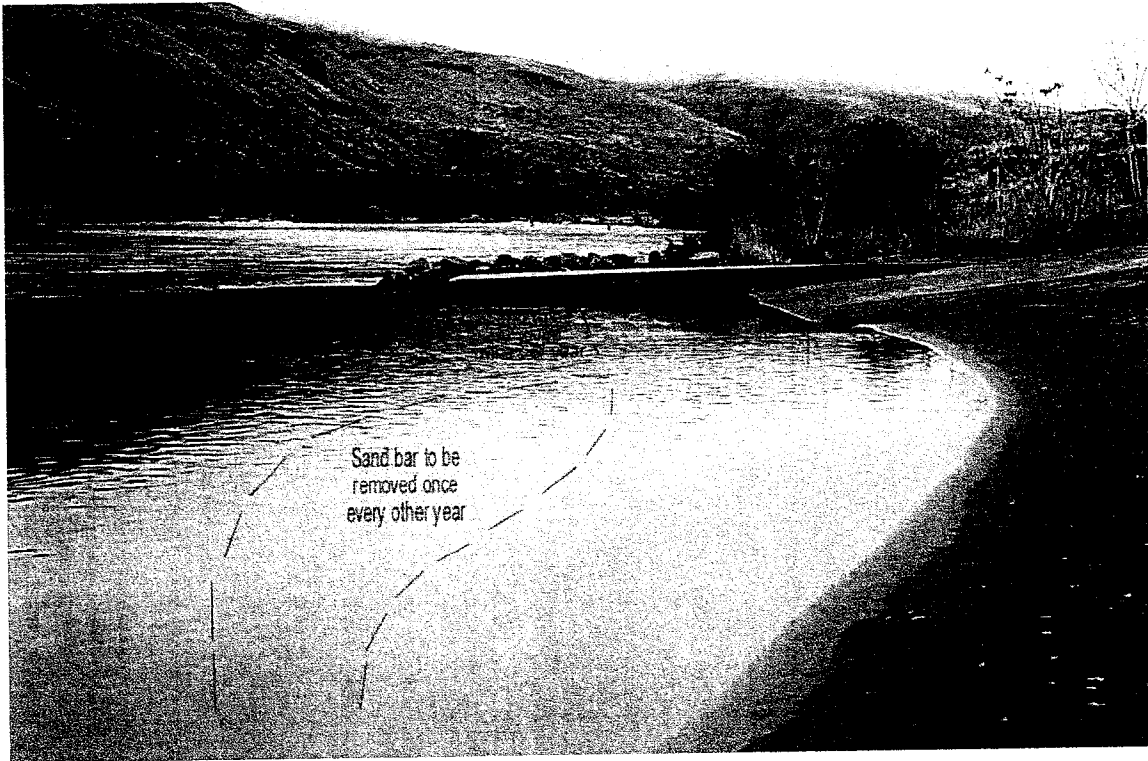
CROSS SECTION VIEW boat ramp

Scale - 1/4" = 1 ft

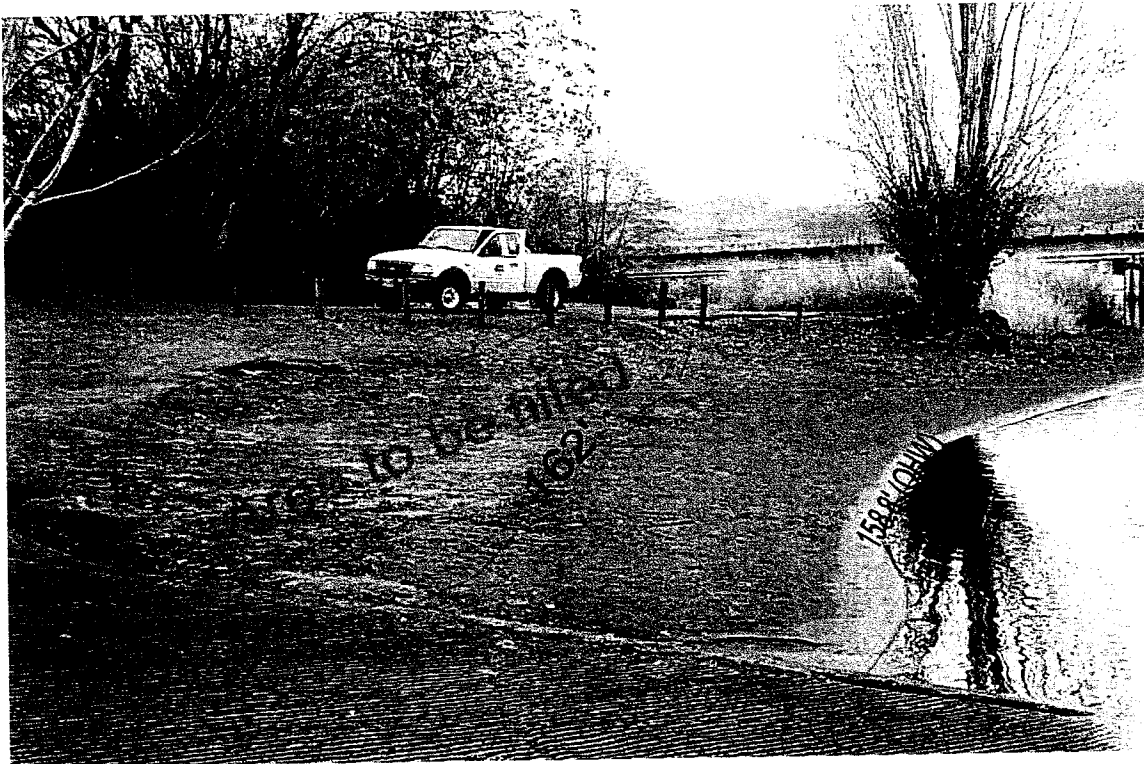


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Boat ramp & moorage area
maintenance

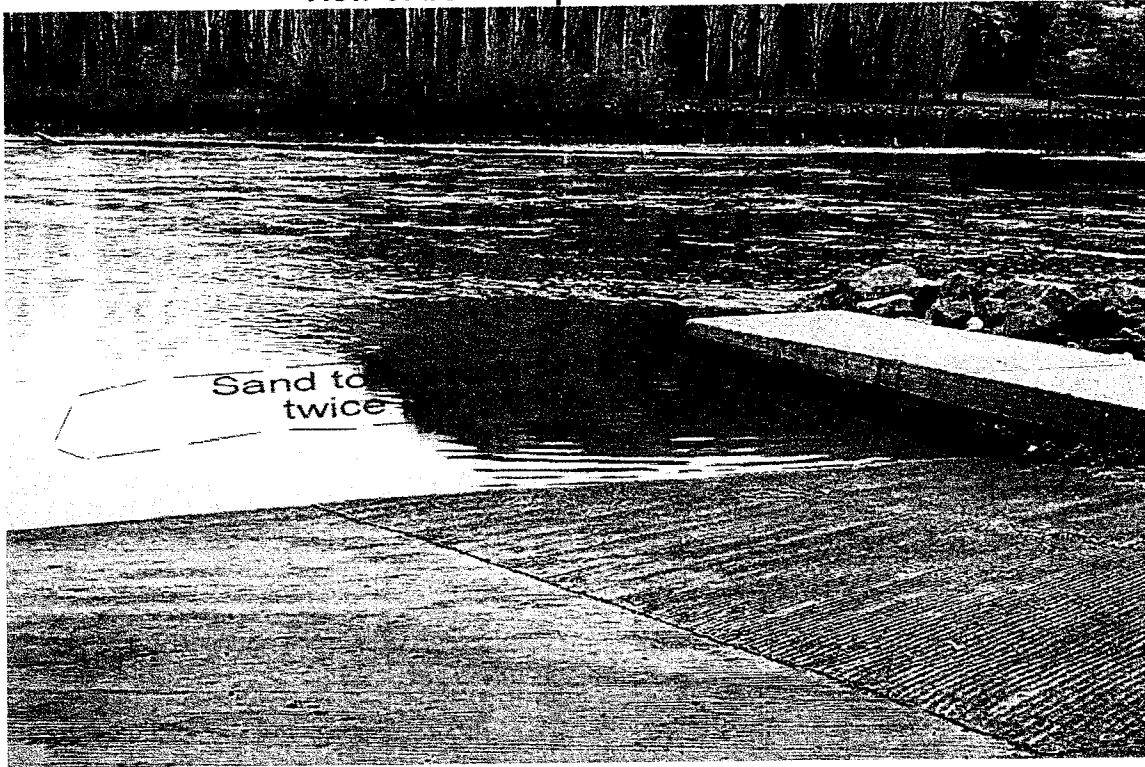
View of sand bar area from front of Poplar



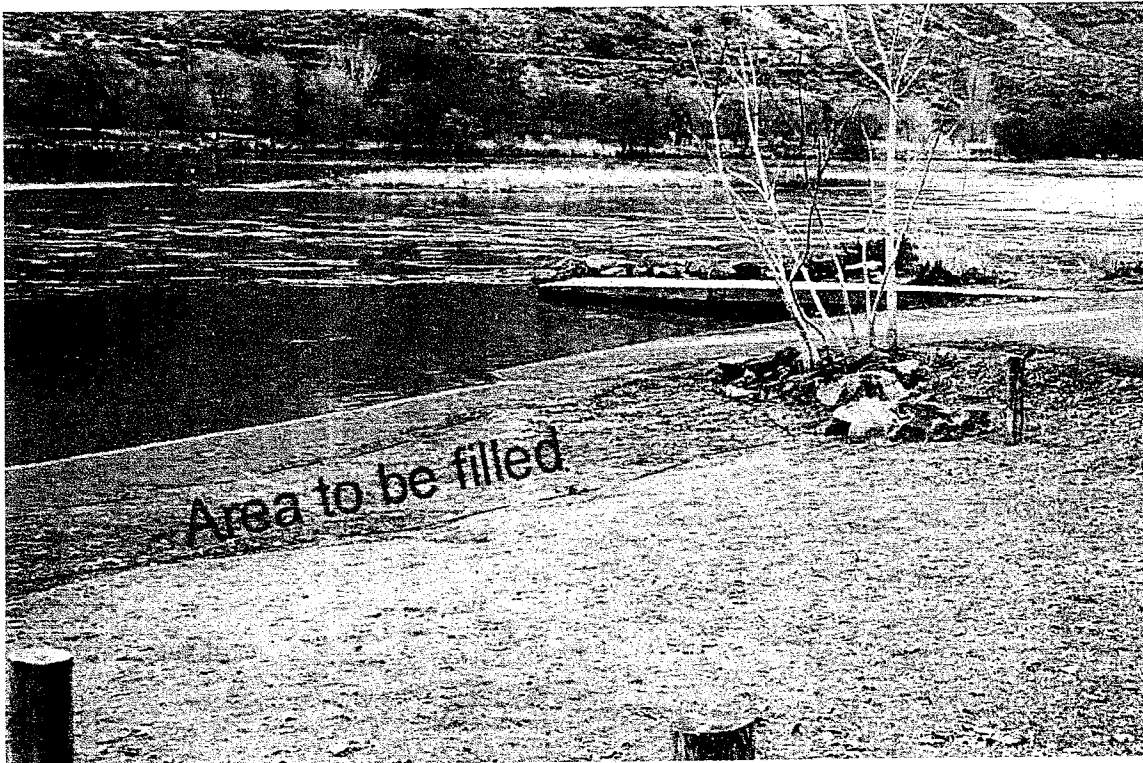
View of fill area



View of boat ramp maintenance area



View of fill area



PUBLIC NOTICE
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality 401 Certification

Corps of Engineers Action ID Number: 200300015
Oregon Division of State Lands Number: 26469

Notice Issued: March 24, 2003
Written Comments Due: April 23, 2003

WHO IS THE APPLICANT: Darryl Fitzwater, Deschutes State Recreation Area, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice

WHAT IS PROPOSED: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project
NEED FOR CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses to provide the Federal agency a water quality certification from the State of Oregon if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to surface waters.

DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS: Documents and related material are available for examination and copying at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 811 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204

While not required, scheduling an appointment will ensure documents are readily accessible during your visit. To schedule an appointment please call Alice Kavajecz at (503) 229-6962.

Any questions on the proposed certification may be addressed to the 401 Program Coordinator, (503) 229-5845 or toll free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011. People with hearing impairments may call DEQ's TTY at (503) 229-6993.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Hearing: Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-48-0020 (6) states that "The Director shall provide an opportunity for the applicant, any affected state, or any interested agency, person, or group of persons to request or petition for a public hearing with respect to certification applications. If the Director determines that new information may be produced thereby, a public hearing will be held prior to the Director's final determination. Instances of doubt shall be resolved in favor of holding the hearing. There shall be public notice of such a hearing."

Written comments:

Written comments on the proposed certification must be received at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality by 5 p.m. on (full date). Written comments should be mailed to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: 401 Program Coordinator, 811 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. ***People wishing to send written comments via e-mail should be aware that if there is a delay between servers or if a server is not functioning properly, e-mails may not be received prior to the close of the public comment period.*** People wishing to send comments via e-mail should send them in Microsoft Word (through version 7.0), WordPerfect (through version 6.x) or plain text format. Otherwise, due to conversion difficulties, DEQ recommends that comments be sent in hard copy.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, the permit may be issued as proposed, modified, or denied. You will be notified of DEQ's final decision if you present either oral or written comments during the comment period. Otherwise, if you wish to receive notification, please call or write DEQ at the above address.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION: This publication is available in alternate format (e.g. large print, Braille) upon request. Please contact DEQ Public Affairs at (503) 229-5766 or toll free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011 to request an alternate format. People with a hearing impairment can receive help by calling DEQ's TTY at (503) 229-6993.